

General Information

Prerequisites: linear algebra

Reading assignments:

- Weekly reading assignments.

Homework assignments:

- Weekly homework assignments (1 – 4 problems).

Projects:

- Class project. Requires Java programming. Non-CS students should talk to the instructor for alternative projects.
- The projects should be worked out individually by each student.

All assignments and projects are due at the specified date and time. Late assignments and projects are not accepted. Each student is expected to work individually.

Grading:

- 25 % midterm
- 30 % homework assignments
- 20% projects
- 25% final exam

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